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Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 1:15:33 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Mark Williams
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Amanda,

I hope you are well.

On July 1, 2026 we filed a public-records request with the Columbus County Sheriff's Office (see below). The request seeks the Office's ALPR / Flock records: any vendor contracts; the ALPR policy or SOP; camera counts and the areas they cover; the data-retention schedule; data-sharing agreements and MOUs (including with the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, the SBI, ICE, CBP, and any nationwide lookup network); the Flock Organization and Network Audit for the most recent three months; and misuse or discipline records.

WECT confirmed the Office's Flock contract in June 2026, so responsive records exist. More than thirty-five days have now passed with no response. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-6 requires production "as promptly as possible."

Would you kindly update me on the status of the request by Friday? Most agencies have responded in less than 18 days.

I am happy to accept a rolling production.

With all best wishes,

~Mark

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From: Mark Williams <mwilliams@ricefamilylaw.com>
Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 7:26 AM
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Sheriff Rogers,

Under the North Carolina Public Records Law, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1 et seq., I request copies of the following records concerning the Office's automated license plate reader (ALPR) program, including any Flock Safety system. Please treat electronic copies (native PDF, CSV, or Excel) as acceptable and preferred.

1. **Every vendor contract**, order form, quote, and renewal for ALPR cameras or services — including any agreement with Flock Safety, Inc. — and all amendments.
2. The Office's **ALPR policy, SOP, or general order** governing camera use, access, and auditing.
3. All **data-sharing agreements and MOUs**, including with the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, other North Carolina agencies, the State Bureau of Investigation, ICE, CBP, and any nationwide lookup or "hot list" network.
4. The Flock **Organization Audit, Network Audit, and Event Log** for the most recent three complete months (**April–June 2026**), in native export format.
5. The **current number of ALPR cameras** the Office operates and the general areas they cover.
6. The **data-retention schedule** and any preservation or deletion settings.
7. All **invoices, purchase orders, and payment records** for ALPR cameras or services.
8. Any records of **misuse, audit exceptions, or discipline** relating to ALPR searches.
9. **Communications with the vendor** regarding data sharing, network configuration, or federal access.

If the Office does not operate any ALPR or Flock system, please confirm that in writing — a "no records" response is itself a sufficient answer to items 1–9.

I ask to inspect these records at no cost and to receive electronic copies. If any portion is withheld, please cite the specific statutory basis and produce the remainder. Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully,
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